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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK IN JOHANNESBURG

1. THREE, POSSIBLY MORE, BLACKS ARMED WITH SOVIET MADE MACHINE PISTOLS AND HAND GRENADES ATTACKED VEHICLE YARD IN DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 13) KILLING TWO WHITE MECHANICS, CRITICALLY WOUNDING A THIRD. FOURTH WHITE ESCAPED INJURY AND SEIZED ONE OF THE ATTACKERS. POLICE ARRIVED AND KILLED TWO BLACKS IN SUBSEQUENT SHOOTOUT AND SEIZED OTHER.

2. JOHANNESBURG POLICE CONFIRMED WEAPONS OF SOVIET MANUFACTURE, SIMILAR TO THOSE SEIZED IN SOWETO EARLIER THIS YEAR.

3. THEORY ADVANCED BY PRESS (INCLUDING JOHANNESBURG STAR) WAS BLACKS WERE PREPARING ASSAULT ON JOHANNESBURG POLICE HEADQUARTERS, JOHN VORSTER SQUARE, WHEN THEY "CHICKENED OUT" AND OPENED FIRE
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ON VEHICLE YARD INSTEAD. JOHN VORSTER SQUARE IS ONLY SHORT DISTANCE AWAY BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THREE TERRORISTS ATTACKING POLICE HEADQUARTERS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM DETAILS, INCLUDING POLICE ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER THIS VIEWED BY THEM AS ISOLATED INCIDENT.
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